



DESIGNS

Cover: "Muhammed is the Messenger of God"

Above: The names of the Seven Sleepers around
that of their dog Qutaymir

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THE MIDDLE EAST Background for Teachers

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Even though the Middle East is constantly in the news, there is very little real understanding about this part of the world or about Islamic civilization in general. The highly charged postwar situation has tended to create a somewhat distorted view of the Middle East, and to obscure the present significance of the historical and cultural heritage of Arab-Islamic civilization.

The Middle East should receive adequate attention in the schools, both for its increasing prominence in international affairs and for the rich, varied and important cultural history it presents. This workshop is intended to serve as a starting point for such a study. Through general lectures on geography, history, economics and culture, sessions dealing with specific topics of interest, and the provision of bibliographies and some suggestions for teaching aids, the workshop should provide a useful background for a more informed approach to the Middle East in the schools.

LECTURES

Introductory Lecture -

an outline of the geographic, historical, ethnic, social and cultural diversity of the Middle East.

Professor G.M. Wickens
Department of Islamic Studies
University of Toronto

The Middle East in Modern Times

Professor A. Jwaideh Cox
Department of Islamic Studies
University of Toronto

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Participants will have the opportunity to attend one session in each of the following groups.

1 A. The Arab-Israeli Question

Professor L.M. Kenny
Department of Islamic Studies
University of Toronto
Rabbi M.S. Stroh,
Temple Har Zion, Willowdale, Ontario

B. Oil and Economics in the Middle East

Professor Ali Tayyeb
Department of Geography
Scarborough College, University of Toronto

C. Islam and the West over fourteen centuries

Professor R.M. Savory
Chairman, Department of Islamic Studies
University of Toronto

II A. Coverage and Treatment of the Islamic Middle East in Ontario School Curricula
Professor J.R. Blackburn
Department of Islamic Studies
University of Toronto

Professor L.M. Kenny

B. Relations between Turkey and Europe over Six Centuries

Professor G.M. Meredith-Owens
Department of Islamic Studies
University of Toronto

C. Religion and Society in Islam

Professor M.E. Marmura
Department of Islamic Studies
University of Toronto

PLENARY SESSION

The Sights and Sounds of Islam: an audio-visual way to understanding the cultural heritage of the Islamic world

Professor L.V. Golombek
Department of Islamic Studies
University of Toronto
Assistant Curator, West Asian Department
Royal Ontario Museum

Professor E.J. Keall
Department of Islamic Studies
University of Toronto
Assistant Curator, West Asian Department
Royal Ontario Museum

TIME Saturday November 11, 1972
9:30 am - 4:30 pm

PLACE New Academic Building
Victoria College

FEE \$15.00
The fee includes admission to lectures and discussion groups and certain instructional material. Lunch can be purchased in the Arbor Room of Hart House or in nearby Bloor Street restaurants.

APPLICATION: While the programme is designed for teachers, it should also be valuable for anyone with an interest in the Middle East.

On the application form please indicate the topic desired for each discussion session.

A complete schedule for the workshop will be sent to applicants.

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Course Mr. Mrs. Miss Name	Surname		First Name		Zone
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I would like to attend the following discussion groups:					
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APPLICATION FORM

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